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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Training

SUBJECT: Proposed Contingency Force
Training Program

1. The attached Tab A is for information. Tab B is for OTR's consideration and appropriate action.

2. In the meeting of 16 July 1959, in the A/DD/P/P's office, it was agreed that the training proposals of [redacted] manpower study would be forwarded to OTR for appropriate further study and recommendation.

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3. Tab A, attached, is forwarded as a matter of information as it reflects the range of operational specialists that might be required to provide a ready capability to cope with any of the situations defined in the [redacted] Limited Warfare concept paper. Separate position descriptions have been drafted to provide criteria and responsibilities for each of the position titles. The concerned components of DDB have or are preparing, in coordination with PP/PMD, similar titles and description in order to provide a composite force. It is recognized that for training purposes and in most actual operations many of these positions will have to be combined.

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4. The problem of training CIA staff personnel appears to be in three parts:

- a. The initial training of young officers thereby developing depth in manpower capability and fulfilling the requirements for replacements in the basic PM skills;
- b. the provision of refresher training for previously trained and experienced personnel thereby updating their proficiency in the basic skills;
- c. the apparent need for special training in task force operations.

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5. The most pressing need in terms of improving the capability to cope with contingency situations concerns b. and c. above. While the need for improving the a. part of the problem is apparent, it is recognized that the real issue here is one of stimulating an interest in such training. In this respect, it is believed that the proper handling of the b. and c. requirements would not only provide an improved ready contingency capability but would also stimulate an interest among younger officers in this kind of activity.

6. This Staff will endeavor to work closely with OTR in trying to improve both the participation and the substance of training courses in the basic PM field. The attached Tab B, however, provides a specific proposal for a special training program to fulfill the needs expressed above under b. and c. [REDACTED] PP/PMD, extension 4611, will be available to discuss the details of this proposal with your Staff.

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Acting Chief
Psychological and Paramilitary Staff

Attachments: Tab A
Tab B

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Tab B

Proposed
Contingency Force
Training Program

I. TITLE: Task Force Operations Familiarization Training Program

II. OBJECTIVE:

While all members or alternates on the Contingency Force roster have had experience and training in their assigned positions many of them require a refresher course in their respective basic skills and practically all of them are in need of familiarization training in task force operations. Accordingly, it is the objective of this training program to provide both of the foregoing needs.

III. TIMING:

The need is now but, in order to provide adequate time for the preparation of this program and considering the related problems involved, the timing of this training should be resolved according to the most practicable period for all concerned. The PP/C/PMD will be available for consultation with OTR on this determination.

IV. FREQUENCY OF TRAINING:

It is desired that this program be placed on an annual basis.

V. LENGTH OF TRAINING PERIOD:

It is recognized that three (3) weeks is a short period to cover so much material. However, it is necessary to accept the fact that many of the individuals would have difficulty in leaving their current assignments for a longer period. Further, the need for economy makes it necessary to reduce the cost of this training to the minimum consistent with the merits of the objective.

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VI. PREPARATION OF MATERIAL:

The PP Senior Staff is prepared to assist the OTR in preparing the material for this program.

VII. TRAINING INSTRUCTORS:

The PP Senior Staff is prepared to assist the OTR in providing instructors and special lecturers for this program.

VIII. PROPOSED CURRICULUM:

The following curriculum in broad terms is intended to only outline the training program. The PP Senior Staff is prepared to review these subjects in further detail with OTR.

Course I: Title - Task Force Doctrine and Operations
Time - Three (3) days
Kind of instruction - Seminar/lecture
Attendance - Full class

Course II: Title - Refresher Training in Basic Skills
Time - Nine (9) days
Kind of instruction - Classroom and field
Attendance - Class to be divided into
following sub-classes for separate
training:

- (a) Task force plans and operations officers
- (b) FM operations (including Air and Maritime)
- (c) FI/CI operations (including Military Operations Officer)
- (d) PP operations

Course III: Title - Task Force Field Exercise (CPX)
Time - Three (3) days
Kind of instruction - Monitoring
Attendance - Full class

IX. LOCATION OF TRAINING:

It is desired that this entire course be conducted [REDACTED]
However, if availability of personnel and economy necessitate holding the time [REDACTED] to a minimum then it would be feasible to conduct Course I and certain Course II subjects at Headquarters with the other Course II and Course III [REDACTED]

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X. COMPOSITION OF CLASS:

In order to obtain maximum benefit from this training program it is believed necessary to provide a balanced operational task force group with emphasis on the paramilitary personnel. Accordingly, it is proposed that each class consist of [REDACTED] students from the Contingency Force in the approximate allocations as follows:

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- A. Command Level
Command, plans and chiefs of operations officers
- B. FM Operations Officers
GW Case Officers
[REDACTED] Case Officers
[REDACTED] Case Officers
- C. FP Operations Officers
FP Case Officers
[REDACTED] Case Officers
[REDACTED] Case Officers
- D. Intelligence Operations Officers
Tactical Intelligence Officers
Order of Battle Specialists
Psych-intelligence Officer
- E. Counter Intelligence Operations Officers
- F. Military Operations Officers
- G. Maritime Operations Officers
- H. Air Operations Officers

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